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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 7, 2001, applicants elect the invention of Group II, drawn to a hybrid DNA encoding multiple epitopes of viral antigens and methods of treating viral infections. The election is made without traverse.

On pages 2-4 of the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner also required the election of several species. Applicants elect the HPV species and the following combination of four segments derived from HPV proteins: (1) HPV16E6, SEQ ID NO:66; (2) HVP16E7, SEQ ID NO:69; (3) HPV18E6, SEQ ID NO:152; and (4) HPV18E7, SEQ ID NO:154. Applicants additionally elect the species of intramuscular administration and a microsphere. These elections are made without traverse.

If the Examiner requires any additional clarification on these elections, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

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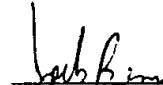
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